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ANNUAL WATER USERS MEETING

February 10, 1954

Price River System

Meeting was held in the Carbon County Courthouse at 2:30 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by G. W. Waterman, at 2:40 p.m., February 10, 1954.

Official call of the meeting was read by the Deputy State Engineer, Mr. L. C. Monson.

Minutes of the last regular meeting were read by the secretary, John Bene. There were no corrections to be made and it was moved by William Marsing that the minutes be accepted as read; motion seconded by Rex Mathis; motion carried.

Mr. Monson discussed the action taken by the State Engineer in regard to the stream pollution by the mining companies at Castle Gate and Sunnyside. He read letters which the State Engineer sent the respective coal companies and their replies. A number of water users report that the conditions of the above mentioned mines have not improved materially.

Mr. Franklin A. Reese, Accountant from State Engineer's office, read the financial report for the year 1953. He made special note of the Social Security item which was to be increased under the law from 1 1/2% to 2%, (the River Distribution Systems matching portion on the salary paid the River Commissioner.) This increase amounts to \$9.50. Motion made by Irvin Gerber that financial report be accepted; seconded by E. E. Pierce; motion carried.

Mr. Harvey Thomas, River Commissioner, gave a summary of snow report and predicted an almost normal supply of water for the irrigation season of 1954. He also reported on the amount of storage water withdrawn from reservoir during the season of 1953. (Amount drawn from storage was 29,867 acre feet) He also gave the amount of the carry over water for the season of 1953.



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(Note: All this information is available and can be obtained by reading the River Commissioner's Report, prepared annually.)

Chairman George W. Waterman read Mr. Harvey Thomas' application for re-appointment as River Commissioner. Mr. Thomas' application for River Commissioner was the only application submitted.

Mr. Thomas was asked by the Chairman, George W. Waterman if there was anything he would like to mention in regard to the Commissioner's work, Commissioner's salary, Commissioner's report, etc.

Mr. Thomas' only comments were that he would not like to see the salary reduced, and that he did break even on the \$50.00 set up in the budget for the preparation and expenses of the annual report.

Mr. George W. Waterman, Chairman, asked Mr. Thomas if he would accept the job for the same salary as he received in 1953. Mr. Thomas answered yes.

Motion made by William Marsing that Harvey Thomas be recommended to the State Engineer for re-appointment and that he receive the same salary as he had last season (\$1,800.00) Motion seconded by Joe Kraync; motion carried. Mr. Monson reported that the State Engineer was pleased with Mr. Thomas' work. Different members present expressed their satisfaction with his work.

Next order of business was the setting of the new budget for year 1954. After considerable discussion on the \$500.00 set aside the year before to cover legal expenses incurred in the curbing and eliminating stream pollution on Price River. A motion was made by E. E. Pierce that the \$500.00 be put at the disposal of the Price River Adjudication Committee to use as may be required for the benefit of protecting the rights of all water users under the Price River System. Motion seconded by William Marsing; motion carried. The budget was

500 from 1953

set up the same as the year before with these exceptions: Commissioner's Social Security and River System raised from \$28.50 to \$38.00. Commissioner's office expense and annual report - raised from \$50.00 to \$75.00. Miscellaneous expense reduced to \$112.50 from \$148.50. Snow survey fund of \$100.00 eliminated. State Engineer through soil conservation service is to pay for this service. The total budget set up was \$2,200.00. (\$100.00 less than the year before.)

Motion to set up the 1954 budget at \$2,200.00 was made by E. E. Pierce and seconded by Lee Robertson; motion carried.

Motion made by William Marsing that the State Board of Health be contacted on the stream pollution problem on Price River and Grassy Trail Creek. The stream pollution is caused by industrial wastes, sanitary sewers dumping into the streams and stream channels, etc. Motion seconded by E. E. Pierce; motion carried.

Engineer for Irrigation District, John Bene, requested a copy of minutes of the last public hearing held in the State Engineers office on the granting of the extension of time on the SanPete Filing #13336. (Sanpete Water Users Association). Mr. Monson, Deputy State Engineer, called the State Engineer's office in Salt Lake City and asked that a copy of the said minutes be reproduced and mailed to the Irrigation District in care of John Bene. Mr. Monson was also asked to obtain from the Bureau of Reclamation a copy of records showing stream flow at the confluency of Gooseberry and Cabin Hollow Creeks.

This information was request in the interest of all water users on Price River. Price River Adjudication Committee to pay the expenses incurred in securing this information.

Having passed through the regular order of business the meeting was adjourned by Chairman George W. Waterman.

Members Present:

Joseph B. McKean - Columbia-Geneva Steel Division
Rupert Ruesch - Columbia-Geneva Steel Division
G. W. Waterman - Carbon Canal Co.
L. C. Monson - Chief Deputy State Engineer
Frank Reese - Chief Accountant, Engr's Office
Lee Robertson - Carbon Canal Co.
J. D. Cirtchlow - Allred Ditch
Irvin Gerber - Wellington Canal
Carlyle Pace - Price Water Co.
Rex Mathis - Price River Water Conservation Dist.
E. E. Pierce - Price River Water Conservation Dist.
George Biggs - Grassey Trail Creek
William Marsing - Carbon Canal Co.
Joseph Limone - Bryner Platetz
Joseph Kraync - Bryner Hansen
Martin McPhil - Bryner Hansen
Walter L. Borla - Bryner Hansen
John Bene - Engineer, Price River Irrigation District
Secretary, Price River Adjudication Committee
George W. Waterman - Represented Spring Glen Canal Co.
Harvey Thomas - River Commissioner

George W. Waterman
George W. Waterman,
Chairman

John Bene
John Bene,
Secretary

Salary	1900.00
Match. Soc. Sec.	38.00
Office Expense & Annu. Report	75.00
Misc. Expense	112.00
Bonds & Ints.	25.00
S/E Adm. Exp.	50.00
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